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VIRGINIA GLEANINGS IN ENGLAND.

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(CONTINUED)

THEODORE GULTSTON, of St. Martyn Ludgate Hill Doctor of Medicine. Will April 26 1632; Proved 1 June 1632. To my father William Gultston and my mother Elizabeth his wife, £20 each. To my sister Elizabeth Allen widow. £20. To his wife Ellen's two sisters. £20 each. To my sister Dorothy Hill £10. To my brother Nathaniel Gulston, £20. To my sister, Martha, £10. To ——— Whitworth, grocer, Old Bayley, £10. For a lecture of Physicke, College of Physicians, London, £20 yearly. To be distributed amongst my kindred, £500. To my cosin Ellis Sotherton, £20, his wife, Rachel, 20s each to buy rings. To my sister ——— Stubbes, £5. To Stephen Barkham, £20. To Abraham Allen, my sister's son, £10. To John Toomes Apothecary, £10. To my friends Drs. Yonge, Gettaker, Nathaniel Sute, Mr. Foxley, Ministers, £3 each. To Sampson Kerrill, son of William Kerrill, deceased, £5. To Elizabeth Ayres, my maid servant, £5. To the parson, curate and lecturer of St. Martyns, £5 each. To the parson for a funeral sermon, £4. To the poor of Said Parish, £20. Lease I hold or Deane and Chapter of St. Paul's to the 6 younger sons & daughters of my Brother John, after my wife's death. Executrix wife Ellen. Overseers: Ellis Sotherton and Stephen Basleham. To my wife Ellen, my rectory of Bardwell, Suffolk; after her decease to my nephew Richard Gurton. Lands in Warwickshire, one-fifth to my godson, Theodor Gurton, the remainder to my brother John's children. Witnesses: Jenkyn Griffith, Thomas Hodgkin, To St. Paul's Cathedral, £20.

Audley, 64.

[Dr. Theodore Gulston was a celebrated London physician, and a

prominent member of the Virginia Company. He was born in 1572, studied at Merton College, Oxford, where he took his doctor's degree, April 30, 1610, was fellow (Dec. 29, 1611,) and Censor of the College of Physicians, and practised with great success in London. In 1616 he frequently entertained Sir Thomas Dale and Uttomakin, Powhatan's counsellor, who had been sent to England. On June 14, 1619, Dr. Gulston was appointed on the committee of the Virginia Company in regard to the college. On Dec. 15, 1619, he bought ten shares of land in Virginia from various persons. He was made one of the King's Council for the Company in England, on July 8, 1620, and in July 1621, he recommended Dr. Pott for appointment as physician-general of Virginia. Dr. Gulston was distinguished as a Greek and Latin scholar, and translated several works from Greek into Latin. He married Helen, daughter of George Sotherton, a merchant-tailor and M. P. of London, and died May 4, 1623. See Brown's *Genesis* and *First Republic*.]

WILLIAM PARKE. Will 13 November 1633; proved 18 August 1634. To my youngest son Daniel Parke, £100. To my wife Sarah Parke, £150. If my wife marry again, her husband give security on behalf of my eldest son William to Francis Columbello of London and Nathaniel Fulden of London. To James Stone of London, Merchant, 50s. To Daniel Bourche, Purser of the good ship Blessinge, 25s. To Adam Thorowgood of Virginia, gent., 50s worth of commodities. Executor: my son William Parke. Witnesses: James Stone, Thomas Rey, John Felgate, Daniell Boulcher.

Seager, 75.

[Neither the will nor the probate act gives the residence of the testator, though the latter states that he died beyond seas. There is good reason to believe that he died in Virginia, and that he was the father of Daniel Parke, the elder, of that colony, whose will will appear later in this series. That the family of William Parke was in Virginia is shown by the fact that many years after his death, the land due for the emigration of members of his family to the Colony was taken up. Under a patent, dated 1655, for land in York County, appear the names of William Parke, Mrs. Sarah Parke, and William Parke, Jr., as head-rights. William Parke was witness to a deed in York County, in 1652, to Daniel Parke. Daniel Parke, Sr., was born, according to a deposition about 1628.

The epitaph of Daniel Parke, Sr., and the will of his son, Daniel Parke, Jr., state that the family was of Essex, England. Morant's *Essex* II, 309, gives an account of a family of Parke, resident in that county, from the time of Edward III, to that of Charles I, and the Visitation

of Essex 1634 (*Harleian Society*) has a pedigree of four generations of the family; but though the name William appears he does not seem to be identical with the testator above.]

JOHN THOMPSON of Surrey County, James River, Virginia. Will 27 January 1698/99; proved 16 March 1698/99. To my sister Katherine Paine, wife of Robert Paine, £50. To my sister Elizabeth Catlet, wife of William Catlet, £50. To my Brother William Thompson, £100 when 21. To my Brother Samuel Thompson, all my lands, Slaves, etc., failing him to my Brother William. To my friends Thomas Haistwell, Coll. Harry Hartwell, Major Arthur Allen, and Captain Francis Clements, a Ring to each of them. All the rest to my Brother Samuel Thompson. Executor: Samuel Thompson. Executors in trust: Thomas Haistwell and Coll. Henry Hartwell. Witnesses: John Burgis, Anne Bradley, Wm. Storey, Notary.

Pett, 50.

[The first of the testator's family of whom anything is known, was Rev. William Thomson, or Thompson, who became minister of Southwark Parish, Surry county, Virginia, in or shortly before 1662. It is possible that he was a son of Rev. William Thompson, one of the three pastors who were sent about 1642 or 1643 from New England to minister to the Virginia dissenters; but who soon returned home and died at Braintree, Mass., Dec. 10, 1666, aged 68. There was (a high authority states), a William Thompson, of New London, who is believed to have been a son of the New England minister. Rev. William Thompson, of Surry county, Va., bought property in New London.

On August 16, 1675 the County Court of Surry put on record that "On ye parte of Mr. William Thonipson now after 13 years experience, wee report him an Orthodox faithfull & painfull minist'r of a quiett, sober & Exemplary Life & Conversation becoming his function unreprouchable." On August 1, 1661, William Thompson, of Surry county, minister God's word, gave a general power of attorney to George Jordan. There is a deed, dated November 1, 1673, from William Thompson, Clerk, and Katherine, his wife. In or before 1690 he became minister of Washington parish, Westmoreland county. There is recorded in Surry a deed dated August 4, 1690 from William Thompson, of Westmoreland county, for 150 acres, and appointing his sons, Samuel and John Thompson, of Surry, his attorneys. Also, in Surry, another deed, dated Dec. 2, 1690, from William Thompson, Clerk, of Westmoreland county, conveying to — Bagge, 150 acres in Surry, which had

been granted to said Thompson, April 20, 1684. Katherine, wife of William Thompson, Clerk, of the parish of Washington, Westmoreland, joins in a deed, April 19, 1690. These items enable us to fill gaps in the lists of ministers of Southwark and Washington. Mr. Thompson is not mentioned in Meade's *Old Churches*.

Rev. William Thompson and Katherine, his wife, had issue: (1) John, (2,) Samuel, (3,) William, (4,) Katherine married Robert Payne, (5,) Elizabeth, married William or Robert Catlett.

John Thompson, the testator above, was born, according to a deposition, about 1661. He was a member of the House of Burgesses, for Surry, at the Sessions of March 1692-3, April 1695, April 1696 and September 1696. He married Elizabeth, widow, first of John Salway, of Surry, (whose will dated April 10, 1678, left her his whole estate with reversion to his next of kin in England,) and second, of Joseph Malden of Surry. *Surry Records*.

There are two wills of John Thompson in record of Surry. The earliest was dated August 2nd, 1698, and proved Nov. 7, 1699. He gave his brother Samuel Thompson £50 sterling, and brother William Thompson £50 sterling. To wife the labor of his slaves during her life—after her death they go to his brothers. If brother Samuel should desire to return and live in Surry, he was to have the plantation called Gilberts, on condition that he paid testator's executrix 20 shillings per annum during her life. To his two brothers and Mr. Robert Paine and Mr. Robert [*sic*] Catlett 25 shillings each for a ring. To wife, all estate given her by the will of Mr. John Salway. Remainder of estate to wife, Elizabeth, and she appointed executrix.

It is evident that soon after the date of the will just given, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson died, and that her husband went at once to England. The will which is given in the text was proved and recorded in Surry, May 14, 1702. It begins: "I, John Thomson, of James River, in Virginia, merchant, at present in London, very sick."

Samuel Thompson, another son of Rev. William Thompson, was a member of the House of Burgesses for Surry, at the sessions of August 1701, May 1702, June 1702, August 1715 and April 1718. In March, 1682, Mr. Samuel Thompson had married Mary, daughter and heiress of Major William Marriott, of Surry. (*Surry Records*.) The will of Samuel Thompson was dated Sept. 20, 1720, and proved in Surry May 17, 1721. Legatees: brother William Thompson, nephew Samuel Thompson, cousins, [nephew,] William Moseley, cousin Samuel Thompson, cousins Katherine, William and John Thompson, William and Mary Moseley—to William Marriott, "my seal ring, that was my wife's father's ring," cousin Robert Payne, wife Mary, and brother William Thompson, executors.

William Thompson, the third son (named above) of Rev. William Thompson, was born according to a deposition about 1662. He died in 1731 or 1732, and by will recorded in Surry bequeathed his property

to his children, Samuel, John, Katharine and Hannah, and grandchildren, Samuel and Mary.]

ROBERT THROCKMORTON, of Paxton Parva, County Huntingdon. Will 1 March 1698/99; proved 3 May, 1699.

Pett, 83.

[Robert Throckmorton was a son of John Throckmorton, formerly of Ellington, Huntingdonshire, England, and afterwards of Virginia. Robert, the testator, was born in Virginia, in 1662; but returned to England and died at Paxton Parva, Hunts., March 9, 1698-9. A picture of his tomb in the church there, and a copy of the inscription are given in the number of this Magazine, cited above. The Virginia Throckmortons descended from his brothers, Albion and Gabriel, who remained in the Colony. For Throckmorton genealogy, documents, &c., see *William & Mary Quarterly* II, 241; III, 46, 142, 240, 280; IV, 128, 202; V, 54 and *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* V, Nos. 4, and VII, numbers 1 and 3. Mr. C. Wickliffe Throckmorton of 503 5th Avenue, New York City, is preparing an elaborate history of the Thockmortons of England and America.]

[Abstracts of this will are printed in *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, VIII, 85, 86, and *Wm. & Mary Quarterly*, III, 48.]

PETER EFFORD. Will 24 August 1665; proved 2 October 1665. To my daughter and son Nicholas Efford, all my real and personal estate here, or in the plantation of Virginia. To them all my tobacco in custody of Mr. John Curell of Abchurch Lane and Mr. Jonathan Smith in Bow Lane. To my son Nicholas, and Sarah my daughter, £100, equally between them; if they die, to my kinsman Mr. Tirrell, Prebend of Winsor. John Weldon, minister of Newington, and Albertus Skinner, gent., executors, to give me as decent a burial as my distemper will permit. Witnesses: William Cocke, Joane Baker, Joane Wooding.

Hyde, 113.

[Peter Efford resided in York county, Va., where his will was proved Oct. 2nd, 1666. On Feb. 10, 1660 "Mr. Peter Efford" had a grant of 900 acres in the counties of James City and York, lying between Powhatan Swamp [which extends to James River] and Queen's Creek [running into York River,] adjoining the land of Bradshaw, Vardy, "Mr. Kemp, Esq.," and Richard Ford—400 acres of said land bought by Efford from

John Barker, the assignee of John Bromfield, the assignee of Captain John Shepard, and Lucy, his wife, the assignees of Captain David Maunsell, under whose name and that of Lucy Webster, the original patent of 1000 acres, was granted January 9, 1640, and re-granted to the said Shepard, March 20, 1650, and the other 500 acres due said Efford for the transportation of 10 persons into the Colony.

Sarah Efford, his only surviving child, married Samuel Weldon, J. P. for James City county, who was doubtless a son or brother of Rev. John Weldon mentioned in the will. In 1692-3 Mrs. Sarah Weldon "widow of Major Samuel Weldon," brought an action of ejectment by Poynes Weldon, her attorney. Her husband, Major Samuel Weldon, of London, came to Virginia in 1675 as factor for Philip Foster, of London, merchant, and settled in James City county. The family of Weldon was long a resident in Virginia and North Carolina. Samuel Weldon, of James City county, married in 1725, Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Allen, and widow of Robert Cobbs, of York county. He removed to Chesterfield county, and his will names his children (under age.) Daniel, Benjamin, (who received lands in Goochland,) Samuel, Elizabeth and Priscilla, son-in law Roderick Easley, wife's daughters Sarah Jones and Martha Richardson, and her grand-children, Allen, Willie and Charlotte Jones, (Mrs. Weldon had by her marriage with Robert Cobbs, two daughters, Sarah, who married Robert Jones, Jr., of Sussex county, Va., who emigrated to North Carolina, and was Attorney General of that colony. and Martha, who married Dudley Richardson. Mrs. Jones was the mother of the distinguished Allen and Willie Jones.)

Benjamin Weldon, of Southampton county, Va., in his will dated August 5, 1755, and proved Feb. 9, 1756, names his brothers Daniel and Samuel Weldon, sisters Elizabeth and Priscilla, and cousins Allen, Willie and Martha Jones, and appoints Robert Jones and Gray Briggs, executors.

In 1749 Daniel Weldon was one of the North Carolina Commissioners to run the boundary line with Virginia, and Samuel Weldon, was member of the North Carolina Convention of 1776. The city of Weldon, N. C. is named after the family. (See *William & Mary Quarterly* 11, 121.)

Efford was a family name in the Channell Islands—Guernsey and Jersey. See Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*.]

WILLIAM GUY, Citizen and Haberdasher of London. Will 14 November 1665; proved 29 November, 1665. To be buried in the parish churchyard of St. Mildred, Breadstreete, London. To my brother, Robert Guy, 40s. to buy him a ring, and £6. To my said brother Robert's eldest daughter by his first wife, £50. To my said Brother's son William Guy, £50, and to his son John Guy, £50. To my sister Sarah Tarlton, £100. To my daughter in law Elizabeth Nowell, £20.

To Joseph Drewe, my accompt and £20. To my friend Roger Martin, £5. To my friend John Martin the elder, £5. To my kinswoman Abigail How, £5. To Elizabeth Biscoe, £5. To my sister Ann Fisher's two daughters, Sarah and Martha Fisher, £20 each. To my friend William Browne, Ribbon weaver in Shoreditch, £5. To my cousin John Gate, at present in Virginia, £40. To my friend William Allen of London, Merchant, and Anthony Field, my executors, £20 each, and, if any be left, £50 to my sister Sarah Tarlton, the rest amongst the children of brother Robert Guy and sister Anne Fisher. Witnesses: Wm. Blanchard, John Martin, junior, Wilbeard Watts, Anne Martin.

Hyde, 140.

SPARKS MARTIN of Withy Bush House, County Pembroke, Esqr. Will 12 September 1786; proved 3 August 1787. All my manor of Pendergast, with all Royalties, Profits, etc., from lands in County Pembroke, Haverfordwest, County Middlesex, City of Bristol, or elsewhere in Great Britain, to my sister Elizabeth Phelps for life, subject to charges made upon certain of my estates through the will of my late wife Martha Martin, to be held in trust by Right Honble. Richard (Phillips) Lord Milford of Kingdom of Ireland and the Right Honble. William (Edwards) Lord Kensington of Kingdom of Ireland, to preserve to her use the said estates, and after her, to her son Thomas Phelps, and his eldest son in succession, failing him, to John Phelps, second son of my said sister Elizabeth, and his heirs, failing him, to my brother Henry Martin, who went to Virginia, in America, many years ago, and his eldest son in succession, failing him, to my Brother John Martin, who also went to Virginia many years ago. Whoever inherits to take the arms and name of Martin. To my housekeeper Mary Probert, £100 a year for life. To Elizabeth Probert her sister, £5 a year for life. To Martha Jones, £5 a year for life. Executrix: Elizabeth Phelps. Witnesses: Thos. Ormes, junior, Hannah Wills, Joseph Wills, all of Charles Square, Hoxton.

Major, 170.

[In the printed Journal of the Virginia House of Delegates covering the period, is an entry of a petition received January 12, 1784, from James, Lord Clifden, and Edmund Perry, Esq., Speaker of the House of Commons of Ireland, in behalf of certain persons interested under the will of Col. John Martin, deceased, in a certain estate which was escheated, and also a petition of George Martin to the same effect. The petitions are not now among the legislative files for 1784 in the Virginia State archives, and it is probable that they were withdrawn for use at a later session. Unfortunately there are no printed journals accessible for a number of years after, so that it is impossible to learn anything more in regard to the petitions.

James Ager, of county Kilkenny, Ireland, (created Baron Clifden in 1776 and Viscount in 1781), married March 20, 1760, Lucia, eldest daughter of John Martin, Esq., (she died July 26, 1802), and widow of Henry Boyle, youngest son of Henry, first Earl of Shannon; and Edmund Sexton Perry or Pery (1719-1806), Speaker of the Irish House of Commons, 1771-1785, and created Viscount Pery in 1785, married in 1756, Patty youngest daughter of John Martin, Esq. What was the relation between these ladies and Col. John Martin, of Virginia, does not appear, though it is evident that it was on their account that the Virginia Legislature was petitioned. As Sparkes Martin made two Irishmen his trustees, it seems probable that his brother, John Martin, was the Col. John Martin, of Virginia.

Col. Martin, of Virginia, was a member of the House of Burgesses or Caroline county, at the sessions of November 1738 and May 1740, and for King William county, at the sessions of Feb. 1752, Nov. 1753, Feb. 1754, Aug. 1754, Oct. 1754, May 1755, Aug. 1755, Oct. 1755 and March 1756. He died during the last session.

All the records of King William have been destroyed, and all those of Caroline except the court proceedings, ("Order books"), but from the latter a few notes can be gleaned. John Martin was J. P. for Caroline in 1732. On Nov. 10, 1738, John Martin, Jr., qualified as an attorney. On Oct. 17, 1752 was recorded a deed from John and George Martin, of the city of Bristol, merchants, (by John Martin, gent, of Virginia, their attorney), to Thomas Turner, gent.

In the *Virginia Gazette*, Jan. 27, 1750-51 (Cited in the *William & Mary Quarterly* XII, 74) is an advertisement signed by John and Samuel Martin, of King William county, announcing the proposed sale of the house and land, where Col. John Martin lately lived in Caroline county, containing 2700 acres, and in the same paper for Dec. 8-15, 1738, is advertised a reward for the return of a silver pint cup, fluted on both sides, which had been stolen from Col. John Martin, of Caroline county. It had engraved on it his coat of arms, "a chevron between three half moons."

At "Clifton," Caroline county, is a tomb with the following epitaph, (*W. and M. Q.*, XI, 146).

"Interred beneath this Stone,
 lyes the Body of Mrs.
 Martha Martin, wife of Col.
 John Martin, of Caroline
 County, and daughter of
 Lewis Burwell, Esq., of Gloss-
 ter county, who departed this
 life the 27th of May 1738, in
 the 36th year of her age & left
 three sons & four daughters."

It is evident that, at the time of the Revolution some or all of Col. Martin's sons were residents of Great Britain, or were Tories. In the Virginia Council Journal 1777-78 is an order in regard to the estates in Goochland counties, of heirs of Lewis B. (doubtless Lewis Burwell,) and Samuel Martin, who were British subjects.]

JOHN HANDFORD of Ludlowe, County Salop, Esqre. Will 17 September 1669; proved 24 January 1669|70. To my son John Handford, gent., my manor of Shobden, and the avowson of said Parish in County Hereford. All my estates in Ledicott, nether Shobdon, East Hampton, Ap Hampton, Hill Hampton als Newton Byton, and Betgatt, sold by one Barnecombe Wissmore by indenture inrolled in Chancery, dated the 7 June, 1658, or, however, I doe enjoy the same, to his heirs male, and after, to the females, failing his issue, to Tobias Handford, gent., now living in Virginia, one of the sons of Hugh Handford, late of London, deceased, and then to his eldest sons in succession, and for want of such issue, the tithes of Shobdon for an augmentation to the minister, and the property to maintain a preaching minister, and the rest, in case my said son and the said Tobias die without issue, to Walter Handford of Wollashall, County Worcester, Gent., and his heirs male in succession, failing him, to the right heirs of me the said John Handford. To my son all my bookes of Divinity, History, etc., except those my wife uses as her own. To the minister who preaches my funeral sermon, 40s. To Sir Walter Williams of Upton Bishopp, County Hereford, Bart., Sir John Winford of Ashley, County Worcester, Knt., the Lady Winford, his wife (my wife's sister), and to Mrs. Mary Williams, another of my wife's sisters, and to her kinswoman Mrs. Eleanor Williams, £5 each. To

every servant living with me at my death, 40s each. All the rest not bequeathed I give to my wife. Executors: Sir Walter Williams, Bart., Sir John Winford, and my wife. My son to be left at school till he can enter one of the Honourable Societies of the Inns of Court to study Law. To the poor of Ludlow, £3. Witnesses: Richard Wright, Jo. Edwardes, Henry Browne, John Browne.

Penn, 6.

[The testator evidently belonged to a family seated at Wallashall, in the parish of Nafford, Worcestershire, but which had representatives in other parts of England. In Nash's *Worcestershire*, II, 180-182, is an account of the family at Wallashall. Thomas Hanford or Handford (stated to be descended in the 8th generation from Sir John Hanford, of Cheshire), named Margaret, daughter and co-heiress of William Higford, of Nafford, and had issue: 1, Margaret, married Thomas Copley, of Norton: 2, John married Anne, daughter of Richard Rake: 3, Catherine married — Whittington, of Norgrave. John and Anne (Rake) Hanford were the parents of Francis Hanford, (living *temp.* Charles I), who married Elizabeth, daughter of Walter Gifford, of Chillington, and was the father of Walter Hanford, who married Frances, daughter of Sir Henry Compton, Knight of the Bath. Walter and Frances (Compton) Hanford had issue: 1, Compton who married 1st—Chaumont and had no issue, and 2d—Slingsby: 2. Edward, who was the father of Charles Hanford, of Rid Marley. Compton and — (Slingsby) Hanford had issue: 1. Edward married Elizabeth Hurst, of Haverhill, Essex: 2, Charles: 3. Elizabeth. Edward and Elizabeth (Hurst) Hanford had issue: 1. James: 2. Edward: 3. Charles: 4 Eleanor. The name appears to have been spelt, indifferently, Hansford, Hanford or Handford. Sir Humphrey Hansford or Handford, of London, was an active member of the Virginia Company, and John Hansford, of London, merchant tailor, was also a member. See Brown's *Genesis*.

Tobias Hansford, named in the will, lived in Gloucester county, Va. On Jan. 8, 1666, Tobias *Hansford* had a grant of 324 acres in Ware Parish, Gloucester, beginning at a point at the mouth of Deep Creek, in Mockjack Bay, and running down the bay and then along Christopher Robins's land to the mouth of Finches' Creek. On the same date "Mr. Tobias Handford" had a grant of 324 acres in Gloucester, on the Eastern side of Wolf Creek, beginning at the mouth thereof—a marsh dividing this land from that of Col. Augustine Warner, &c.—150 acres, part thereof, was granted to Col. John Walker, Esq., by patent dated March 15, 1651, and 174 acres, the remainder, taken up. On Oct. 24, 1673, Philip Ludwell, Tobias Handford and Richard Whitehead renewed a grant of 20,000 acres in New Kent county, on the southside of Mattaponi river—due for the importation of 400 persons into the Colony.]

MOTTRAM WRIGHT of Milend, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, County Middlesex, Merchant. Will 8 October 1700; proved 10 October 1700. To my daughter Frances Wright, £100 and 700 acres of land on north side of Rappahamack Creeke, in Virginia. To my son Mottrom Wright, £600 and all my lands, etc., in Virginia (except the said 7000 acres), and 6 negroes. To my cousin John Wright of Puttomack River, in Virginia, £50 of England. To each and every other of my children born of the body of my wife Ruth Wright, 20s. apiece and noe more. The rest and residue to my two children Frances and Mottrom; if they die, to go to my cousin John Wright. My son Mottrom to be brought up in the Church of England. Executor: Mottrom Wright. Overseer: Captain John Pyrvis. Witnesses: J. Sharpe, A. M., James Berouth, Hannah Bradley, Thomas Quilter, N. P.

Noel, 189.

[The testator was a party to one of the very few legal separations of husband and wife which appear in the early records of Virginia.

The family of Wright was, like so many others in Virginia, of London origin. Richard Wright, of London, a merchant or master of a ship in the Virginia trade, is recorded as carrying tobacco from Virginia to Holland in 1653. This is of record in Northumberland county, a contract, dated May 29, 1656, between Richard Wright, of London—"being homeward bound," to transport 60 hogsheads of tobacco. A little later Wright settled in Virginia, and was a justice of Northumberland in 1659. He married Ann, daughter of Col. John Mottram, of Northumberland county, (she afterwards married David Fox) and died in 1663. His will is preserved in a much mutilated record book in Northumberland. He gives his wife Anne, one half his land Machodoc and Potomac rivers—"that is the half that joins my brother Spencer (Nicholas Spencer, Esq., of Cople parish, Westmoreland county, Va., and formerly of Cople, Bedfordshire, England, Governor of Virginia, &c., who had married Frances, daughter of Col. John Mottram), with reversion at her death to his son Francis Wright. To wife two negroes (named.) All of the English servants, negroes, not otherwise bequeathed, and rest of personal estate in Virginia and Maryland, to be divided into three equal parts, of which wife is to have one part and his three children the other two parts. To son, Mottram Wright, all his land on Elk Run, Maryland. To my *** land lying **—** Francis **—** for discharging education all my money in England **. To daughter ** land in the freshes of Potomac. To my brother*** land at **. To my brother Nicholas Spencer, and sister Mrs. Frances Spencer, and brother John

Mottram, each a ring. Brothers Spencer and Mottram, overseers. Cousin Mathew Merriton, of London, merchant, an overseer in England, dated Aug. 16, and proved in Northumberland, Dec. 10; 1663. The inventory of the personal estate of Mr. Richard Wright was recorded March 10, 1663-4, and was appraised at 23,334 lbs. tobacco.

Before March 12, 1684, Mottram Wright, the testator above, and the son of Richard Wright, whose will has been given, married Ruth, daughter of Robert Griggs, a well-to-do planter of Northumberland county, and widow of John Mottram, Jr., who was uncle to Mottram Wright. An uncle's widow was within the prohibited degrees of affinity, and it seems strange that such a marriage should have been solemnized under English jurisdiction, but such the records show, was certainly the case. After at least ten years of marriage, and after giving birth to children, Mrs. Wright appears to have become horrified at the sinfulness of her union, and secured a separation. There is on record in Lancaster county, a bond dated Oct. 12, 1694, reciting that Mottram Wright married Ruth Mottram, widow of Major John Mottram, who was the said Mottram Wright's mother's brother, "which marriage was incestuous and unlawful," and had been the occasion of the said Ruth's departing from her husband "choosing rather to lead her life in banishment from her friends, country and estate; than continue any longer in that sinful marriage," therefore said Mottram Wright agrees that said Ruth shall live separately and apart, and to pay her a suitable alimony, and that the daughter be had in marriage with her shall be put to school where he shall think fit. There is on record in Lancaster, the marriage contract, dated Dec. 11, 1701, between Robert Gibson and Mrs. Ruth Wright, widow of Mottram Wright.

Of course such a marriage as that between Wright and Mrs. Mottram would now be legal.

Mottram Wright, Jr. died without issue, and most of his father's estate passed to the daughter, Frances, who married Joseph Belfield, of Richmond county. Mottram Wright's will (above) was also recorded in Lancaster to July, 1701.]

HENRY WOODHOUSE of parish of Linhaven, County of Lower Norfolk, Virginia. Will 29 January 1686/7; proved 24 July 1688. To my eldest son Henry Woodhouse, my plantation I now live on, being 500 acres. To my second son Horatio Woodhouse, my plantation called Moyes land. If the survey of my land run into Noyes neck, he to have it. To my son John Woodhouse, my land next to land of Richard Bonney whereon Richard Dobbs dwells. To my two sons Horatio and John, my land I bot of Mr. William Bassnett, Senior, lying in woods by John Swell's lands. To my son Hen-

ry Woodhouse, my two Negroes, Roger and Sarah by name. When my children Horatio and John are at age, and my daughters Elizabeth and Luce 16, the rest of negroes to be divided among them. To my daughter Mary the wife of William More, Negro woman called Kate, 2,000 lbs. of Tobacco, £10, and 3 silver spoons. To my daughter Sarah, wife of Earon More, £10, 2,000 lbs. of Tobacco, and 3 silver spoons. the money being due from Mr. Thomas Minnford. All the rest between Henry, Horatio, John, Elizabeth and Luce. Executor: Son Henry, he to plant an apple orchard in the next two years. Witnesses: William Cornick, Mala Thruston.

Exton, 102.

[Henry Woodhouse, the testator, was son of Henry Woodhouse, of Lower Norfolk county, Va., who died in 1655, and grandson of Capt. Henry Woodhouse, Governor of the Bermudas 1623-26. The last named was second son of Sir Henry Woodhouse, of Waxham, Norfolk, England. For accounts of the Woodhouse family, and will of Henry Woodhouse, who died 1655, as well as that of Rev. Horatio Woodhouse, Rector of Collingtree, Northamptonshire, England, who was also a son of Governor Woodhouse, and who died in 1697. See *William & Mary Quarterly* I, 227-232, II, 262-264, V, 41-44, and Vols. I-IV, *Lower Norfolk County Virginia Antiquary*. The name is still prominently represented in Princess Anne county, a part of old Lower Norfolk.]

THOMAS BLAGRAVE of Westminnster, gent. Will 14 May 1686. proved 4 December 1688. To my wife Margaret Blaggrave, my house and land in Teddington, County Middlesex. To my kinsman Thomas Blaggrave, £40. To my kinsman Ambrose Searle, £10. To my kinsman John Goodwin, £20, and forgive what he owes me. To my kinswoman Anne Williams, in Virginia, £5. To my Kinsman Henry Johnson, £5. To my Kinsman John Blaggrave, my brother Anthony Blaggrave's youngest sonne, £5. To the poor which shall be near at my interment, 20s. All the rest to my beloved wife Margaret Blaggrave, whom I make executrix. Witnesses: John Clayton, Elias Silvester, Tho. Jennings.

Exton, 106.

[There have, apparently, been several families of Blagrove, or Blagrove, in Virginia. A. Henry Blagrove, was a justice of Lunenburg county, prior to the Revolution, and Rev. Benjamin Blagrove, son of John, of Oxford, England, *pleb.*, matriculated at St. Mary Hall, Oxford, Oct. 15, 1764, at the age of 18, came to Virginia in 1772, (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*, and Fothergill's *Emigrant Ministers*). He became Minister of Southwark parish, Surry; took the American side during the Revolution, and was a member of the Surry Committee of Safety in 1776.

John Blagrove, son of Anthony Blagrove, of Berks, *Arm.*, who matriculated at Magdalen College, Feb. 1, 1731-2, aged 19, may have been the nephew John, named in the will.]

EDWARD DEWALL of Warrasquoyke, servant to Symon Cornocke of the same. Will 11 November 1636; proved 23 November 1640 ["Edward Dewell, of Warwicke Squeake, in Virginia, defunct," in sentence.]. To Symon Coornocke of Warrasquoyke, in Virginia, one Messuage being an Hoast-house or Inne in a Towne called Redding, County Berks, England, in the parish of Saint Maries, in Minstrell Streete, now or late in the tenure of Richard Marcombe, my uncle, as tenant to mee, given to me by my father George Dewell in his life time being the signe of the Rose, and also all houses and money left me by my mother, Joane Duell. Executor: Symon Cornocke. Witnesses: John Army, Nicholas Spackman, William Clappum. Sentence, same date, for will in cause between executor Simon Curnocke and brother Humphry Dewell, claiming to be administrator.

Coventry, 139.

[This will gives an unusual, though not unique instance, of a servant owning lands or houses.]

ELIZABETH DRAPER of London, Widow. Will 17 August, 1625; proved 3 September 1625. To my son Vincent Draper, in lieu of his child's pte., £150. To my grandchild Darcis Draper, daughter of said Vincent, £150 when 18 or day of marriage, her Aunt Sara Symons to have the education of her. If she die, one-half to her father and the other half to her said aunt. To my grandchildren Elizabeth and Mary Peirse, daughters of my sonne-in-law Abraham Peirse, merchaunte, resident in Virginia, £100 apiece when 18 or mar-

riage; if they die, the money to be divided between the said Vincent and Sara. To Abraham Peirsiey a ring of value of 30s. To my son in law Thurston Symons, one Ringe value 30s. To Mrs. Cowley, my cosen, 30s. to make her a Ringe. To my god-daughter Elizabeth Cowley, one Ring with eight Dyamond Stones in it. To my daughter Elizabeth Peirseye one dyamond Ringe. To Mary Peirseye one Dyamond Ringe set after the Duch fashion. To Darkis Draper, one Opell Ringe with sixe Opelle stones of several colours in yt. To my cosen Smythson, 20s., and to his wife, 20s., and his daughter Elizabeth, 20s. To the poore of St. Clements neare Candlewicke streete, in London, wherein I nowe dwell, 50s. To John Peirsye, 13s. 4d. To Mr. Price, Clarke of St. Clements paryshe. 20s. To Netherwood, the sexton of same p'sh., 10s. To Katherin Ruter, my mayde servant, 50s. To Robert Mincharde, Scrivener, 13s. 4d. All the rest to my executors in trust for my daughter Sara Simmons, her husband and Thurstone Symons not to have any claime (he, notwithstanding his pretensions of giving up his vile and lewd courses, having wronged me). Executors: my lovinge Cozens Mr. Richard Berisford, marchante of London, that sometime dwelt uppon Newe Fyshstreet Hill, London, and ——— Warriner, merchante, dwelling in Mark Lane, in London. Mem. of Scrivener, Robert Mincharde, that the said testatrix did order me to draw up her will in the aforesaid manner in the presence of Katherin Ruter.

Clarke, 93.

[Abraham Persey or Piersey, who died in 1628, was a member of the Council, and was reputed to be the wealthiest man of his day in Virginia. He married twice, his first wife, evidently the daughter of Mrs. Draper, was the mother of his two children, Elizabeth and Mary. His will was printed in full in Neill's *Virginia Carolorium*, 404-406, and an abstract from the P. C. C., given in the Magazine XII, 177-178. See also this Magazine I, 187-188.]